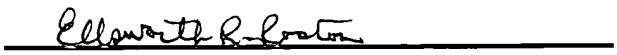
REMARKS

In the Office Action dated 12/24/2003, the Examiner indicated that the preliminary amendment (continuation) submitted on 10/01/2003, was not accorded a filing date because applicant failed to submit the specification from USSN 10/097,047. This amendment is being filed to meet the requirements of the Examiner. Therefore, in accordance with the suggestion of the Examiner, applicant has included the specification from USSN 10/097,047 (attorney's file SPFUN-58133) with the addition of the first paragraph to indicate that this application is a continuation of application 10/097,047.

Although the USPTO has not requested applicant to submit a set of the drawings from application 10/097,047, applicant is enclosing a set of these drawings as a precautionary measure.

Please charge any deficient or overpayment fees in connection with this amendment to Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,



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